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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--21. A modified nucleotide triphosphate comprising a covalently attached electron transfer moiety.

22. A nucleotide according to claim 21 wherein said electron transfer moiety is attached to the ribose of said nucleotide.